

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. In communications filed on 3/31/2008, Applicant has amended claims 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 28, and 29. In a supplemental amendment filed on 6/27/2008, applicant further amends claims 15, 20, 21, and cancels claims 16-18; and adds claim 35. The following claims 15 and 20-35 are presented for examination.

1.1 Applicant's arguments filed on 6/27/2008, see pages 7-14 have been considered and they are persuasive in view of the claims as amended.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Russell W. Guenther on July 7, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 33, line 1, replace "18" by --20--.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 15 and 20-35 are allowed.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CARL COLIN whose telephone number is (571)272-3862. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8:00-6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser G. Moazzami can be reached on 571-272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Carl Colin/

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